

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. The Examiner has indicated that claims 3-10 and 17-37 include limitations that render these claims allowable. Per the Examiner's suggestion, all currently pending claims include these limitations.

The Office Action again states that the "application currently names joint inventors" and requests that the Application "point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)." As the present application names only a single inventor, Mr. George J. Franks, Jr., it is again presumed that such statements were made in error.

The drawings are objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a), and it is suggested that reference numbers be shown or added to the drawings for an electrical connector, a first conductive structure, a second conductive structure, and a third conductive structure.

The Applicant respectfully submits that all features and limitations of claims 1-39 are illustrated in the drawings. For instance and only by way of example, FIG. 1 illustrates a grounding strap 10, which one skilled in the art would understand may be an electrical connector that is in "electrical contact" with a conductor 11. (See, e.g., ¶ 0046 and FIGS. 1 & 10). The grounding strap 10 may also include several conductive structures, which are further illustrated in the drawings. (See e.g., ¶¶ 0041-0046 and FIGS. 1, 10, & 12). Again by way of example, FIG. 10 illustrates a grounding clip 60 which "may be formed from copper or brass." One skilled in the art would understand such materials to be conductive metals. (See ¶ 0046). Similarly, a grounding shim 120, illustrated in FIG. 12, "may [also] be formed from copper or brass." (See ¶ 0046). Furthermore, a bendable ground strap 12, also illustrated in FIG. 12, "may be implemented by a thin strip of galvanized steel, copper, or other conductive metal." (See e.g., ¶ 0021). Consequently, the "first conductive structure," "second conductive structure," and "third conductive structure" of an electrical connector recited in the claims are illustrated as each being one of, by way of example, the grounding clip 60, the grounding shim 120, and the bendable ground strap 12 of FIGS. 1, 10 and 12.

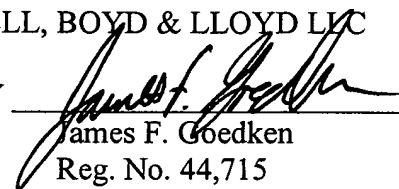
In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that a proposed drawing correction is unnecessary, and that the objection should be withdrawn.

Based on the amendments and remarks submitted herewith, it is believed that claims 1-39 are allowable, and Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the present application. If there are any questions or comments, the Examiner can contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in the Application to Deposit Account No. 02-1818.

Respectfully submitted,

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